

THE 4-H CHALLENGE AHEAD*

Reserve

Only a great people make a great nation, and truly tomorrow's world will need not only great leaders but great followers as well. Great in being equipped to farm our lands properly--work its mines--strengthen our homes--use our money--conserve our resources wisely. And great too in living with others--planning and sharing with others--building communities--guiding our policies toward higher achievements and social betterment for all mankind--and taking part in its fulfillment.

All other plans for the future depend on the wisdom of the leadership and understanding by the people. And before there is time for many improvements, the great people of tomorrow will be those who are the youth today.

Such great people are made up of individuals--each with his own high aspirations and hopes of achievement--of importance--of security--of happiness. To prepare youth for their place in a more perfect America is the job of education.

The 4-H Club program proudly takes its place with others in helping to carry out the responsibility that education must assume. To serve rural America particularly--but looking to all youth eventually--is the double responsibility of 4-H work.

GUIDEPOSTS FOR 4-H CLUB PROGRAMS.

To help prepare tomorrow's citizens, physically, mentally, and spiritually, 4-H Club work provides opportunities for voluntary participation in programs, built on needs and interests, through which youth are:

- I. DEVELOPING TALENTS FOR GREATER USEFULNESS.
- II. JOINING WITH FRIENDS FOR WORK, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP.
- III. LEARNING TO LIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD.
- IV. CHOOSING A WAY TO EARN A LIVING.
- V. PRODUCING FOOD AND FIBER FOR HOME AND MARKET.
- VI. CREATING BETTER HOMES FOR BETTER LIVING.
- VII. CONSERVING NATURE'S RESOURCES FOR SECURITY AND HAPPINESS.
- VIII. BUILDING HEALTH FOR A STRONG AMERICA.
- IX. SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT.
- X. SERVING AS CITIZENS IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE.

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